NAVAIR's fifth annual Acquisition Leadership Symposium provides an excellent opportunity to hear senior DON leadership share their insights on current operational priorities, budgetary challenges and acquisition policy affecting our Navy and Marine Corps.

The theme of this year's symposium is "Supporting the Current and Future Capabilities of Naval Aviation." Our goal is to inform, motivate and sharpen our collective focus on achieving mission success within the current fiscal climate.

The symposium will be held next Thursday, 14 August, from 0800 to 1130 at the St. Mary's College of Maryland gymnasium.

Featured speakers include Adm. Michelle Howard, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; the Honorable Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Lt. Gen. Jon Davis, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps; and retired Vice Adm. Joe Dyer, a former NAVAIR commander, who now serves as chairman of the NASA Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel.

In addition to the main event on 14 August, we've also planned two breakout sessions at the NAS Pax River Base Theater:

- 1. "How Do These Initiatives Affect Me or My Program?" (12 August from 0800-1130) for government civilian and military acquisition professionals in NAVAIR's Program Management community, specifically those serving in a program manager, deputy program manager or integrated product team lead billet are invited.
- 2. A military-only session (14 Aug from 1330 to 1530).

You can read more about the symposium here: http://issuu.com/dcmilitary/docs/tester_073114/0?e=2870181/8789252. For the event poster, visit https://mynavair.navair.navy.mil/links/AcqSymposium.

The Aug. 14 event at St. Mary's College is open to all members of the NAVAIR workforce, including contractor support, with a common access card (CAC). Registration is free. For more information call 301-757-8731.